

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Canceled).
5. (Canceled).
6. (Canceled).
7. (Canceled).
8. (Canceled).
9. (Currently amended) The ~~patch-method~~ according to claim 33 ~~4~~ further comprising wherein said active ingredients comprise a keratolytic agent of salicylic acid.
10. (Canceled).
11. (Canceled).
12. (Canceled).
13. (Canceled).
14. (Canceled).
15. (Canceled).
16. (Canceled).
17. (Canceled).
18. (Canceled).
19. (Canceled).
20. (Canceled).
21. (Canceled).
22. (Canceled).
23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently amended) The ~~patch method~~ of claim 33 ~~and further comprising wherein said active ingredients comprise~~ an anti-acne agent.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Canceled).

27. (Canceled).

28. (Canceled).

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently amended) A method for treating the skin comprising the step of:

applying to a surface of the skin to be treated ~~the a patch according to claim 1~~ said patch comprising a single invisible or translucent water soluble polymeric matrix layer wherein the water soluble polymeric matrix layer consisting of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and hydroxypropyl cellulose a combination thereof wherein said dermatological active ingredients is encapsulated in spray-dried nanospheres or microspheres dispersed in said polymeric matrix layer, said nanospheres or microspheres are formed of a hydrophobic material and a detachable protective layer attached to said single polymeric matrix layer which is removed before said step of affixing the patch to the skin by moistening said skin and delivering said ~~one or more cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical active agent~~ to said skin.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising the steps of:

rinsing said skin with water for dissolving or disintegrating said polymer matrix layer and removing the patch.

32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently amended) A method for adhering a patch onto the skin and removing a patch therefrom, comprising the steps of:

wetting an area of said skin;

affixing the patch to the skin, said patch comprising a single invisible or translucent water soluble polymeric matrix layer ~~and being substantially water-free,~~

delivering said ~~one or more cosmetic, a dermatological, or pharmaceutical active agent~~ to said skin from said patch; and

rinsing said patch with water for removal of said patch, said water soluble polymeric matrix layer becoming tacky upon wetting and becoming adherent to said skin without the use of an adhesive and said patch dissolving in water or disintegrating upon rinsing said patch with water, wherein the water soluble polymeric matrix layer ~~comprises~~ consisting of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of ~~a carbohydrate, maltodextrin,~~ polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and hydroxypropyl cellulose a combination thereof wherein ~~one or more of said cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active ingredients is encapsulated in spray-dried nanospheres or microspheres dispersed in said polymeric matrix layer, said nanospheres or microspheres are formed of a hydrophobic material and a detachable protective layer attached to said single polymeric matrix layer which is removed before said step of affixing the patch to the skin.

34. (Canceled).

35. (Currently amended) A method of using a patch comprising the steps of:

applying a patch to the skin, for a period of application in a range of about one minute to about 12 hours, wherein said patch is configured as ~~a~~ an invisible or translucent film for application onto the skin, said patch comprising a water soluble polymeric matrix layer wherein ~~one or more of said cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active ingredients ~~is~~ are encapsulated in spray-dried nanospheres or microspheres dispersed in said polymeric matrix layer, said nanospheres or microspheres are formed of a hydrophobic material, said water soluble polymeric matrix layer becoming tacky upon wetting and becoming adherent to said skin without the use of an adhesive delivering said ~~one or more cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active agent to said skin from said patch, and

removing said patch from the skin upon rinsing said patch with water wherein said patch dissolves into water or disintegrates.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Canceled).

38. (Canceled).

39. (Canceled).

40. (Canceled).

41. (Currently amended) The ~~patch-method~~ of claim 35 wherein said microspheres or nanospheres are homogeneously dispersed in said polymeric matrix layer.

42. (Currently amended) A patch for controlled topical or transdermal delivery of effective levels of ~~cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active ingredients onto the skin, ~~hair follicles, or sebaceous glands~~ consisting of ~~a~~ an invisible or translucent polymeric water-soluble matrix layer which comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of ~~starch~~, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and hydroxypropyl cellulose a combination thereof and ~~one or more of said cosmetic, dermatological, and pharmaceutical~~ active ingredients uniformly encapsulated in spray-dried nanospheres or microspheres distributed throughout the polymeric water-soluble matrix layer ~~substantially water-free wherein one or more of said cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active ingredients is encapsulated in nanospheres or microspheres dispersed in said polymeric matrix layer, said nanospheres or microspheres are formed of a hydrophobic material;

said patch being configured as a film for application to the skin, said polymer matrix layer becoming tacky upon wetting and becoming adherent to said skin without the use of an adhesive and said patch dissolving into water or disintegrating upon rinsing said patch with water.

43. (Canceled).

44. (Canceled).

45. (Canceled).

46. (Canceled).

47. (Canceled).

48. (Currently amended) A method of using a patch comprising the steps of:
wetting the skin or the patch,

applying the patch to the skin, wherein the patch is configured as ~~a~~ an invisible or translucent film for application onto the skin, wherein the patch comprises a single bioadhesive water soluble polymeric matrix layer containing ~~an active ingredient wherein one or more of said cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active ingredients is encapsulated in spray-dried nanospheres or microspheres dispersed in said polymeric matrix layer, said nanospheres or

microspheres are formed of a hydrophobic material, said patch becomes tacky when wetted, and wherein the adhesive property of the tacky patch adheres the patch to the skin delivering said ~~one or more cosmetic, dermatological, or pharmaceutical~~ active agent to said skin from said patch a detachable protective layer attached to said single polymeric matrix layer which is removed before said step of applying the patch to the skin, and

removing the patch by rinsing the patch with water, wherein the patch dissolves into water or disintegrates.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the period of application is in a range of about one minute to about 12 hours.